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Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 1-49 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on July 27, 2006.

2. The amendment filed on July 27, 2006 withdrawing all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting no claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive. The claims are not readable on the elected invention because, as stated on page 41 in section d), figure 8d, or figure 8 (column 2, row 1), the embodiment fulfills only requirement (iv).

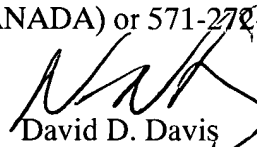
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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David D. Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-7572. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday between 7:30-4:00.

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